sising the need to eliminate bogus ration cards as well as inflated units on continuous basis through verification. It is difficult for any State Government to precisely estimate the number of bogus cards| *inflated units in the State as detection* and climination are simultaneous processes. As per reports received from the State Government, units equivalent to 6.79 lakh bogus cards have been eliminated in Bihar between 1-9-1991 to 31-3-1993. During the same period U.P. Government has reported that units equivalent to 55.6 lakh bogus cards were eliminated.

उपभोक्ताओं को समय पर खाद्यान्नों की आपूर्ति

673. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री मुलचन्द मीणा :

क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले वर्ष दिल्ली में कितने नये राशन कार्ड जारी किये गये हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि राशन कार्डों की संख्या में वृद्धि होने के बावजूद दुकानों की संख्या में वृद्धि नहीं की गयी है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उपभोक्ताओं को उचित दर की दुकानों के माध्यम से अच्छे किस्म के खाद्यान्न समय पर उपलब्ध कराने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (ग) राशन कार्ड जारी करना, उचित दर की दुकानें खोलना तथा उचित दर की दुकानों को खाद्यान्न का आबंटन, राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों के प्रशासकीय अधिकार क्षेत्र में आता है। किसी वर्ष विशेष में जारी किए गए राशन कार्डों तथा खोली गई उचित दर की दुकानों की संख्या के बारे में ब्यौरा केवल राज्य सरकारों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों द्वारा रखा जाता है। तथापि, जहां तक संपुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के तहत आने वाले इलाकों का संबंध है, राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों ने सूचित किया है कि 1-9-91 से 31-3-93 की अवधि के दौरान लगभग 10433 उचित दर की दुकानें खोली गई हैं और लगभग 25 लाख अतिरिक्त राशन कार्ड जारी किए गए है ।

Public Distribution System in Bombay

674. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(b) what is the total number of ration cards so far issued in different parts of the country;

(b) what is the total number of ration cards issued in Bombay city alone.

(c) what are the items provided from Fair Price Shops in Bombay city; and

(d) what is the requirement of edible oil, rice, sugar and other commodities per month for Bombay city; and

(e) what is the supply position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) As per reports received from the State Government|UTs. the total number of ration cards is estimated to be 14.2 crores in the country.

(b) to (e) The information is being obtained and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Public Distribution System in Orissa.

675. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES,

CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the revamped Public Distribution System in Orissa has already come into operation;

(b) is so, the number of PDS outlets which have so far been opened in Kalahandi district following such revamping;

(c) what was the quantum of allotment of rice to those Fair Price Shops and what was the offtake of rice from October, 1992 to March, 1993;

(d) whether the offtake of rice in those Fair Price Shops is adequate, if not, what are the reasons for the lean offtake; and

(e) the number of Fair Price Shops which are provided with the additional listed items such as soap, edible oil, salt, pulses and kerosene oil ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The information is being obtained and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Licence for Shops under PDS

676. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of fair price shops, kerosene oil depots and cheap rate cloth shops under PDS being run by women's welfare organisations disabled persons and the organisations|persons separately who are in need of Government assistance in the country, particularly in rural areas in Northern States, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have reserved any percentage of licences for allotment of Fair Price Shops, Kerosene oil depots and cheap rate cloth shops under PDS to women organisations, disabled persons, unemployed graduates and ex-servicemen particularly for rural areas in that States;

(c) if so, the details thereof, category-wise;

(d) whether any scheme is under consideration to provide licence for real needy persons, organisations, unemployed graduates, disabled persons and ex-servicemen who are residing in rural areas of northern states of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (f) The operational responsibility for implementing the Public Distribution System rests with the State Governments|UT Administrations. Decisions regarding the number of fair price shops to be opened, allocation of such fair price shops including decisions about preferential allocations|reservations to specific categories of persons|organisations are matters decided by the State Government|UT Administrations. The Central Government has requested the State Government to consider reservation|preferential allotments of fair price shops to ex-Servicemen. Scheduled Castes and women including women's organisations and women's cooperatives. Details of the actual number of fair price shops|depots allotted to any of these categories are not maintained by the Central Government.